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PRESS RELEASE

FROM CHIEF JUDGE SANDRA L. LYNCH U.S. COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE FIRST CIRCUIT

BOSTON (July 21, 2010) — Chief Justice Margaret H. Marshall advised me that she has informed Governor Patrick of her decision to retire from the office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Judicial Court of Massachusetts. Chief Justice Marshall and I have been friends and colleagues for many years. I heard the news with regret for the loss to the Commonwealth, which she has served with the greatest distinction. She has been steadfast in her support of an independent judiciary and the integrity of the judicial process and its fair handed treatment of all litigants; she has been passionate about equality under the law, and she has worked to improve access to justice for all, including the poorest among us. The Supreme Judicial Court is an extremely well respected court, which has thrived under her leadership. The relationship between this Court and the state's highest court have been extremely cordial and is one of mutual regard. She has worked tirelessly for the public good and is nationally recognized as an excellent judge.

I wish to express my appreciation as a fellow judge and her friend for her many contributions to the law, to the administration of the state court system in Massachusetts, and to public service. We will miss her and wish her the best of luck.